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Applicant

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- b. none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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Box No. IV Text of the abstract (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

Recorded material such as video is transmitted in compressed form to a receiver (3), which has a buffer (32) for smoothing differences between the data rate received and that consumed by a decoder (33) that follows. The whole of the recording is analysed to determine a point at which to commence playing such that no buffer underflow can occur; the decoder commences playing only when this point has been reached.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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